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CHEROKEE, FOR AMBASSADOR ONLY FROM THE SECRETARY

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TAGS: PFOR, US, UR

SUBJECT: NEWS WEEK INTERVIEW

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WELL EMBRASS US IN DEALINGS WITH THE SOVIETS, BOTH HERE  
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TO COOL THE TONE OF OUR PUBLIC EXCHANGES WITH MOSCOW LEST

ATMOSPHERICS HAMPER THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR RELATIONS. FOR  
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